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# What is a Function?

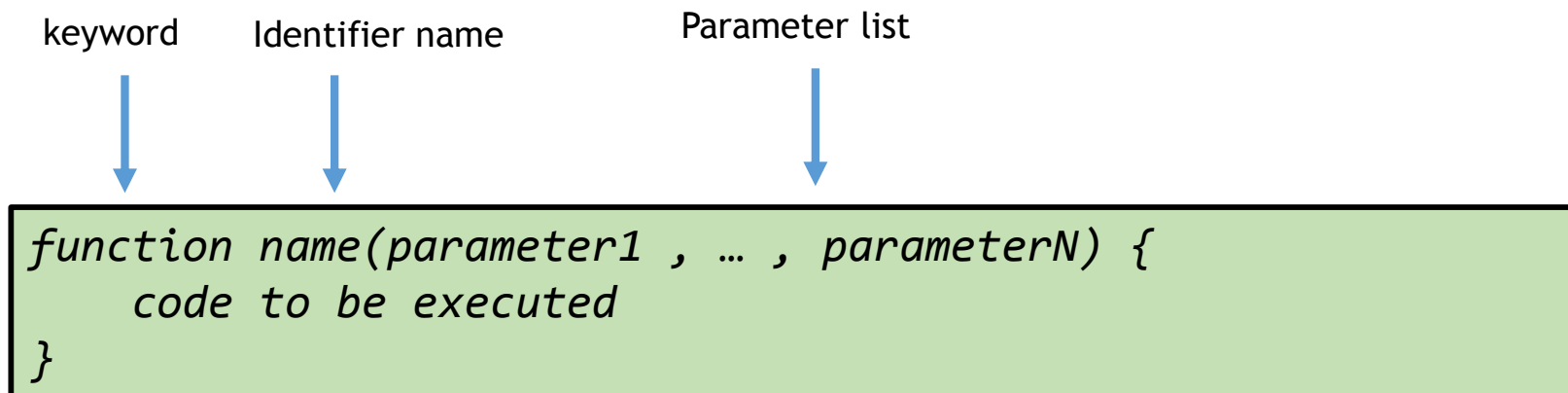


- One of the fundamental building blocks in JavaScript
- A set of statements or block of code that performs a task or calculates a value
- Can be called anywhere
- Should be defined before it is called

# Definition of Function



- Function definition has following parts:
  - **function** keyword
  - followed by a unique function **name**
  - a list of parameters wrapped in a pair of **parentheses ()**
  - a block of code surrounded by curly brackets **{ }**
- Function names follow the same naming rules as variables



# Calling Function



- Defining a function does not execute it
- Defining the function simply names the function and specifies what to do when the function is called
- Calling the function actually performs the specified action
- Call or Invoke a function with its name somewhere later in the code

keyword      Identifier name

```
//defining or declaring function  
function greet() {  
    return "Good Day!!"  
}  
  
greet() //calling function
```

# Function Parameters



- Are inputs that get passed into functions
- Listed inside the parentheses () in the function definition
- Inside the function, parameters behave as local variables
- Can take multiple parameters separated by comma
- Also called arguments

Parameter list




```
function wish(firstName, lastName) {  
    var fullName = firstName + " , " + lastName;  
    return fullName;  
}
```

# Default Parameters



- In JavaScript, parameters of functions default to undefined
- With default parameters you can set a different default value
- Default parameters are introduced in ES2015
- Must be rightmost in parameter list



Default parameter  
discount will  
receive value 10  
when not supplied  
at function call

```
calculatePrice(200, 8); /* discount parameter not  
passed , hence default value will be 10 instead of  
undefined */
```



# Return Statement



- Function can have an optional **return** statement
- Required if you want to return a value from a function
- Return value is "returned" back to the "caller"
- With return statement function execution will be completed

Return  
statement

```
function wish(firstName, lastName) {  
    var fullName = firstName + " , " + lastName;  
    return fullName;  
}
```

# Anonymous Functions



- Function created without a name
- Cannot be called later if not assigned or referenced to a variable

```
function () {  
    alert("clicked")  
}
```

# Function Expressions



- Functions can be assigned to variables. Such assignments are known as function expressions

```
var handleClick = function () {  
    alert("clicked")  
}
```

Anonymous  
Function

A variable assigned with  
function

# Callback Functions



- A function passed as a parameter to another function and executed by another function

```
<script>
var button = document.getElementById("btnClickMe");

function handleClickMe() {
    alert("button clicked!!!")
}
button.addEventListener('click', handleClickMe);
</script>
```

A green line originates from the `handleClickMe` parameter in the `addEventListener` call and points to a box labeled 'callback'.

callback

Scope determines the accessibility (visibility) of variables.

In JavaScript there are two types of scope:

- Local Scope
- Global Scope

## **Local scope**

- Every function has its own local scope
- A variable that is declared inside a function definition is local. It is created and destroyed every time the function is executed, and it cannot be accessed by any code outside the function

## **Global scope**

- There is only one Global scope throughout a JavaScript
- A variable that is declared outside a function definition is a global variable, and its value is accessible and modifiable throughout your program

```
<script>
//global scope
var pName = 'iphone';

function upper(text) {
  //local scope
  var result = text.toUpperCase();
  console.log(result);
  console.log(pName); // global variable pName accessible
  //inside function
}

console.log(result); //error, local variable result not
//accessible outside function
</script>
```



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